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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN STATEMENT ON OCCASION OF ANGOLA INDEPENDENCE

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1. HERE FELLOWS FULL TEXT OF ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT
RECOGNIZING INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA, READ BY FONMIN BANDA
THIS NOON (REFTEL)

QUOTE. AT ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT TODAY ON THE 11TH OF
NOVEMBER, 1975, THE PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER, LEONEL
CARDOSO, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.

INNER QUOTE. IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE
REPUBLIC, I SOLEMNLY PROCLAIM WITH EFFECT FROM ZERO HOURS ON
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NOVEMBER 11 THE INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA ANE ITS FULL SOVEREIGNTY

VESTED IN THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE. END INNER QUOTE.
THIS STATEMENT IS A PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE GALLANT
PEOPLE OF ANGOLA.

THE PARTY, AND GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA PAY TRIBUTE
TO THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA FOR THEIR GALLANT FIGHT AGAINST PORTUGUESE
COLONIALISM AND FASCISM.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA IS GLAD TO RECOGNIZE AND WELCOME THE
INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA TO THE FAMILY OF FREE INDEPENDENCE NATIONS
OF THE WORLD.

DARTHERIBUTE SHOULD BE PAID TO THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN
PORTUGAL FOR HAVING MADE IT POSSIBLE FINALLY FOR PORTUGAL TO
RECOGNIZE THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE PORTUGUESE
COLONIES.

THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY OF WHICH ZAMBIA IS A MEMBER,
RECOGNIZES THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA, NAMELY, THE
MPLA, THE FNLA, AND UNITA. AS THE TRUE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
STRUGGLING PEOPLE OF ANGOLA, ZAMBIA EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE
THREE MOVEMENTS WILL STILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE UNITY OF
PURPOSE IN ORDER TO AVOID FURTHER BLOODSHED AND TO ACHIEVE
NATIONAL UNITY FOR THE PROGRESS OF THEIR LONG SUFFERING PEOPLE.
ZAMBIA EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT ALL THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE OAU
WILL OBSERVE THE MOST IMPORTANT RECENT DECISIONS OF THEIR ORGANI-
ZATION WHICH WE WISH TO HERE RECALL AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT ANGOLA MUST BE INDEPENDENCE ON NOVEMBER 11TH.
2. THAT ANGOLA S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY MUST BE RESPECTED
BY ALL.
3. THAT A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY INCORPORATING ALL
THE THREE POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IS DESIRABLE.
4. THAT NO EXTERNAL INTERVENTION SHOULD BE ALLOWED AND
CONDEMNED.

IN VIE OF THESE DECISIONS BY THE OAU AND INDEED BY THE FOUR HEADS
OF STATE OF BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE, TANZANIA, AND ZAMBIA AND THE
PRIME MINSTER OF CONGO, AT THEIR SEPTEMBER MEETING IN LUSAKA,
ZAMBIA FEELS ITSELF OBLIGED TO STAND TO HONOR THESE DECISIONS. TO
THIS END, ZAMBIA WILL THEREFORE SPARE NO EFFORT TO WORK FOR THE UNITY
OF THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA WITH WHOM WE HAVE FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE
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AGAINST COMMON EVILS OF COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, AND FASCISM.

WE CALL UPON AFRICA TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY LEADERSHIP IN THIS
QUESTION AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT OAU COUNCIL OF MINSTERS WILL
BE CONVENED IN EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION TO DISCUSS MEASURES TO BE
UNDERTAKEN FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM NOW FACING ANGOLA.
END QUOTE.

2. TEXT OF THREE INDENTICAL MESSAGE TO LEADERS OF THREE ANGOLAN
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT SHOULD APPEAR IN FULL
IN WEDNESDAY MORNING PRESS.
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